

## SEND IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY



### ACTIVITY TO DATE (May 2021)

#### **1. Improving mainstream inclusion:**

- Inclusion Programme Board set up with multi-agency representation;
- SENCO survey undertaken;
- Inclusion Strategy underway (working groups held during May/June);
- Early Years strategy development underway

#### **2. Increasing LA capacity:**

- New Head of SEND, StART Service Manager and SEND Operations Manager all in post;
- Recruitment under way to increase StART and EP capacity in line with EHCP growth;
- Completion of SEND self-evaluation audit the Council and CCG to understand areas of good practice and development needed;
- Launched a termly SEND Newsletter and subscription portal to ensure consistency of messages across the Borough

#### **3. Timely assessment and review:**

- Revised EHCP template and content expectations;
- Revised documents and processes aligned to the EHCP assessment and review process – including the role of the SEND panels;
- Revised team structure and processes to improve plans issued within 20 weeks (now at 70%);
- Additional resource allocated to provide capacity to address annual review backlog (from July 2022);
- Liquid Logic casework management system implemented

**4. Increasing specialist provision:**

- Expansion of maintained special school provision;
- Development of Mill Lodge Primary ARP for September 2021 (autism and learning needs) and Coleshill Heath Intervention Resource for January 2022 (social, emotional and mental health needs);
- Advancing plans for the new autism free special school – with provision being made from September 2022;
- Provision for excluded children from 6<sup>th</sup> day commissioned through Solihull Academy from September 2022;
- Alternative Provision strategy discussion underway

**5. Spending money to make the most impact:**

- Introduction of Provider Contracts and Individual Placement Agreements for children and young people attending independent provision to ensure value for money;
- Clarified processes for allocating funding to settings as part of the EHCP process;
- Additional funding allocated to COVID recovery, Emotionally Based School Attendance pathway and YEF project to divert vulnerable children away from criminal activity

**6. Targeting support for children:**

- Reshaping education consultation launched within the Council to improve offer of support at point of early identification – with revised services in place for September 2022;
- Designing virtual platforms to enable effective interventions and assessments for children and young people remotely and increasing the use of YouTube etc. for promoting support for children (e.g. Deaf Awareness video programme);
- Development of multi-agency Delivery Board to oversee SEND Improvement Journey and monitor outcomes for children and young people

**7. Improving parental confidence:**

- Solihull Parent Care Voice (SPCV) represented on appropriate Boards and forums
- Partnership Agreement between the Council, CCG & SPCV in place
- Regular liaison between the Council and SPCV
- Provided Mental Health Wellbeing workshops for parents